



Memorandum

DATE: September 30, 2004
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Tim Stewart
RE: Resolution Establishing Comp Plan Update Schedule

The Growth Management Act requires King County and the cities within it to take final legislative action to review and, if necessary, revise comprehensive plans and development regulations by December 1, 2004. Shoreline potentially could meet that deadline. However, if additional time is needed to allow for review by the public, Planning Commission or City Council, it may be prudent to delay final action to adopt until after December 1st. The *Planner's Update* newsletter from the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED), dated September 2004, provides this information about meeting the deadline:

CTED cannot waive or extend a jurisdiction's update deadline, which is established by law in RCW 36.70A.130(4). Only a city or county that has taken the final legislative action required to complete its update may be considered eligible to receive funds from the Public Works Trust Fund or the Centennial Clean Water account, or to receive preference for other grants and loans subject to the provisions of RCW 43.155.050.

Additionally, jurisdictions that have not completed their GMA Update by the statutory deadline would be vulnerable to a potential "failure to act" petition to a growth management hearings board.

If your city or county has made significant progress on its update, but is not able to take final legislative action to complete it by your update deadline, it would be prudent to demonstrate good faith and progress to the public and potential petitioners. To do so, CTED recommends that, before the update deadline, your elected officials adopt a resolution that documents progress-to-date and a schedule for completing the update – then, of course, move as quickly as possible to complete the update according to that schedule.

If the Planning Commission chooses to extend the time for reviewing the draft plans the Commission might forward a recommendation to the City Council to pass a resolution consistent with CTED's recommendation. Attached to this memo is a sample resolution that could be used to establish the project schedule.